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The Week [@NotreDameCobham](https://twitter.com/NotreDameCobham)

New School Videos

We are delighted with the new and refreshed videos which can be seen on the website! Our fabulous new facilities have been edited into the existing Prep, Senior and ND6 films and new videos have also been added! Do take a look at them! New videos include [Early years, music](#) and [sports](#),



Chaplain's Corner—
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'A group of alumni met up with their old university professor. Conversation soon turned into complaints about the stresses of life.

The professor offered them a large pot of coffee and an assortment of cups from which to choose - porcelain, plastic, glass, crystal, plain, expensive, exquisite. When they all had a cup of coffee, the professor said: "If you noticed, all the nice looking expensive cups were taken up, leaving behind the plain and cheap ones. While it is normal for you to want the best for yourselves, that is the source of your problems and dissatisfaction. The cup itself adds no quality to the coffee. What all of you really wanted was coffee, not the cup, but you consciously went for the best cups.....and then you began eyeing each other's cups."

"Now consider this" he continued "Life is the coffee. The jobs, money and position in society are the cups. They are just tools to hold and contain life and the type of cup we have does not define, nor change the quality of life we live. Sometimes, by concentrating only on the cup, we fail to enjoy the coffee God has

provided us. The happiest people don't have the best of everything. They just make the best of everything they have. Live simply. Love generously. Care deeply. Speak kindly... and leave the rest to God." ' Anon

Mrs Harrison, Chaplain

Infant Club Foot Appeal

Please could you pass on my heartfelt thanks to the Notre Dame community for a fantastic effort! As you can see from



the pics, all packed and ready for Zanzibar. I will forward more photos when Dr Hawkins is in the clinic.

I really am so happy..thank you so much!
Helen Perry

Live Chick Webcam

Huge 'eggcitement' in Reception this week as we watched all 10 chicks hatch! You can watch them on the webcam—WARNING: hours can be lost as it is VERY addictive viewing!



[Live EggCam](http://www.notredame.co.uk)



Well Done Team ND



Last Sunday, Mr Fernandez, Miss Evans, Mrs Ingram and I completed the Surrey half marathon in Woking. All of us being very competitive we were very nervous as we approached the starting line in the torrential rain, ready to face the 13.1 miles ahead of us. I took off to a good start, until I realized I wasn't in fact Mo Farah and was over taken by the dark horse, Miss Evans who claims she was "forced" to run the half marathon but in actual fact was more prepared than all of us! Next we had Mr Fernandez, who did an excellent job at fulfilling his aim to complete a half marathon, and last but certainly not least Mrs Ingram, who relished in her moment of glory as she had all of her fans cheering her as she ran through the finishing line. All in all, we were very proud to have completed our longest ever distances and by doing so, raised over £2000 for The Great Ormond Street Hospital, Alzheimer's Research UK and other charities. We were also supported by Mrs Kelsey, Cheskie, Manon, Niamh, Munia and Ella (Yr 12), Darya (Yr 11), Charlotte (Yr 10), Alice and Sofia (Yr 9) and Josie and Bella (Yr 7) and Mr Newman who completed the 5k on Sunday too. Thank you very much to everyone who sponsored and supported us and to Samar, photographer in residence! We really appreciate it!

By Tabatha D

The giving pages are still open if you want to add to their wonderful totals. <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/Alberto-Fernandez895> <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/niamh-robinson1>

Mr Parsons Pre-Marathon Race

Sports Assistant Mr Parsons took part in the Silverstone half marathon this weekend. "Completing it in under 1 hour and 40 minutes, training for the full Brighton marathon next month is going well. I am nearing my donation target. If you would like to donate the link is <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/RobAndMichaelMarathonPage> - Thanks for all the support so far.

Mr Parsons



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Year 13 History Lectures



The Year 13 History students had a wonderful opportunity to attend a series of History lectures in Central London on Thursday 9th March. The girls met at Waterloo and then travelled to the venue by tube. The first lecture was by Professor Diarmaid MacCulloch, from the University of Oxford. He looked at whether the name Bloody Mary is a fair assessment of the infamous monarch. The girls then received a lecture on how successfully Elizabeth I managed parliament during her 45 year reign from Doctor Whitelock from Royal Holloway. After the first two lectures the girls had a lunch break and they had the opportunity to make the most of the wide range of restaurants in the area. The girls opted for sushi and burgers from Itsu and Shakeshack. The next lecture generated an enormous amount of excitement as it was led by Doctor David Starkey CBE from the University of Cambridge. He looked at whether there was a late Tudor crisis in the final years of Elizabeth's reign. After the lecture there was the opportunity to meet the famous lecturer and the girls were able to get photographs with him and ask questions. The last lecture was by Professor Ronald Hutton, from the University of Bristol, a former lecturer of Mrs Ha's. He examined whether the Catholics or Puritans posed a greater threat to Elizabeth I. The day allowed the girls to revise some of the key topics ahead of their summer examinations and they found the trip incredibly beneficial.



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Trip to Henley River & Rowing Museum

Last Friday, Year 8 went on a Geography trip to Henley River and Rowing Museum by the River Thames. We went by coach and when we got there we went to a workshop about how floods happen and how they can be prevented and managed. It was fun and we did lots of experiments, including, seeing what surface



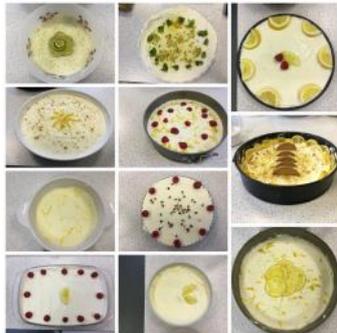
water ran off faster. After a short break, we went on a walk along the banks of the River Thames. We saw the Rod Eyot Island, which lies in the middle of the Thames and visited the river's floodplain. This was a huge field with lots of trees, planted to soak up all the water if a flood were to occur. Along the sides of the banks all the houses were on stilts, so water could not get to them. We crossed a bridge and saw the banks had reinforced sides to help stop erosion. On the other side of the bridge, we looked at the weir and the fish ladder, which helps fish to swim the opposite way to the current. We walked back to the museum and had lunch. After lunch, we went to the interactive museum and learnt about the effects of flooding in Henley and how much water we use per day. In-between we had a quick visit to the souvenir shop. The day helped us learn about the management of flooding and ways to prevent it. We had a great day and thank Mrs Griffiths, Mr Conway, Mrs Costa-Vesey and Mrs Finch for taking us and organising the trip.

By Camilla M and Anja L (Year 8)



Food & Nutrition—Follow us on twitter: @NotreDame_FOOD Year 9

Y9 have been learning about Acid Denature of Proteins. They have used lemon juice to coagulate and stabilise the proteins in cream



Year 10
Y10 have been developing binding & presentation skills. This week's brief was to create a dish based on a religion/culture

Mrs Anderson

Surrey Bake Off at Claremont

Two Year 7 contestants; Maisie C and Mercedes N entered the competition at Claremont last week. Well done to Maisie for her Runner up position!



Languages—Follow us on twitter: @NDS_LANGUAGES
Latin Reading Competition

Alicia W, Isabel K, Charlotte W and Annabelle T took part in the Guildford Classical Association Latin Reading Competition. Well done for your hard work and dedication, puellae!

Mrs Costa-Vesey



New British Record For Pippa!

Pippa Earley competed again in Sheffield over the week end in the England National indoor Pentathlon championships and won Gold as well as breaking the British all time record with a score of 3952. She achieved 60m hurdles in 8.68, High Jump 1.55, Long jump 5.61, Shot 12.89 and 800 in 2.18.52 total 3,952. She now has two British records to her name! You can watch it on YouTube <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FuNHJztS9Ns>



Science—Follow us on twitter: @NDS SCIENCE

Science Week

This week has seen a host of science related activities across the school from early years to senior school. One of the highlights has been the egg incubator which the children have dutifully watched and been rewarded with lots of little chicks!!

Year 2 have been busy with their fantastic science projects.

Junior girls visited the Planetarium, did an archaeological dig, screen printed T shirts and designed habitats. Even the swimming got involved with water displacement!





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Infant Summer Concert

There's a Sunflower in my Supper.....

The Infant Summer Concert will take place on 11th May at 9.30am in The Montaigne Theatre. We hope you will be able to join Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 for their annual extravaganza of singing, dancing and fun!

Mrs Bryant

Prep News

Faith and Music Assemblies

Congratulations to all the girls in 5C who played so beautifully in their Faith and Music assembly and to those who read so nicely. The assembly was on the theme of manners and we talked about putting others before ourselves.

Spring Concert:

A full list of ensembles involved in the Spring Concert has been sent out by In Touch. Please complete the permission form in order to register your daughter and book your place in the theatre. The concert will take place in the Montaigne Theatre at 7pm on **Wednesday 29 March**. Girls are to arrive at 6.30pm and come straight to the theatre. Refreshments will be available in the Montaigne Studio.

Girls will also need to remember their instruments for extra rehearsals on the following days:

- Thursday 23rd March—Flying Strings, Flute Group, Brass Group, Percussion Club, Djembe Club, Ukulele Club, Fledgling Strings, Concert Band, Guitar Ensemble.

- Tuesday 28 March—all performers

Mrs Shaw

Senior News

House Music

Competition With less than 2 weeks to go things are getting ready for this year's competition. Each house is performing a medley of 4 songs including: 'We're all in this together' from High School Musical, 'Beat It' by Michael Jackson, 'Don't Stop me Now' by Queen and 'We are the Champions'. Please encourage your daughter to learn the words to these songs and practice singing them. The best performance will be judged on March 29th so get practising and Best of Luck!



Soloists

The solo section to the competition is now closed and I am happy to announce that we had 30 entrants this year, which is great! I am auditioning these students each day in school and choosing the best from each house to go forward to the finals on March 29th. The overall best singer and best instrumentalist will each receive a prize.

Music technology

We are very proud to now offer tuition in Music Technology in the senior school. This is a rapidly growing area within the music industry and has the potential to lead to places at university and in the workplace. We are so proud at Notre Dame to enlist the help of Markus Flaherty, a professional composer working in the field of television and radio. He presented an assembly this week to the girls and I would like you to encourage them to sign up for lessons with him. The senior school has its own purpose built recording studio with industry standard software, large mixing desk, microphones and two iMac computers. Your daughter can receive lessons in how to create music using this technology from Mr Flaherty, similar to having lessons on an instrument or with the voice. For more information and an application form please contact Mr Black on DBlack@notredame.co.uk.



Whole School News

Practical Music Examinations

This week Mr Lane rehearsed with many of the students preparing for their ABRSM music exams this month. These take place on Monday March 27th so please make sure your daughter is practising regularly to prepare for these exams. If she would like any extra help then please ask her to pop along to see Mr Black in the music department.



Promotional Video

We are proud to announce the release of our new promotional video showcasing the music department at Notre Dame. A professional film crew came into school to see the students at work and interview pupils and teachers to provide an insight into the musical life here in both the prep and senior school. Special thanks must go to Mrs Plummer for helping organise the filming and to all the students and staff who took part. If you would like to see it then please click on the following link.

[Music Video Link](#)

Mr Black

DANCE



This week Year 4 have been learning how to 'Spot' with their heads while turning to stop them getting dizzy!



Year 6 have been doing some beautiful free movement dancing with scarves.



Please make sure correct foot wear is worn for dance classes. Ballet shoes or Jazz shoes are suitable.

Mrs Thomas



DRAMA

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Senior

Final call for Year 11 Examination Productions Next Week

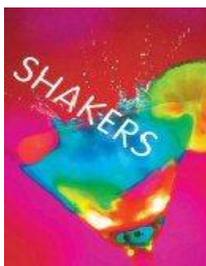
– Change of Performance Dates to Wednesday 22nd & Friday 24th March

After the success of last week's Acting Showcase by Year 10 and the hilarious devised comedy written and performed by our talented Year 13 students, 'Case 401: For Your Ears Only', it is now the turn of our Year 11 actors, who are now in the final stages of rehearsal for their examination productions. The dates have been changed and the performance nights in the Montaigne Theatre will now be **Wednesday 22nd March from 6:30pm until 8:20pm** and **Friday 24th March from 7:00pm until 8:50pm**

The two abridged plays will be performed on both nights as a double-bill. Linked by a common theme, both plays are set during the course of one night in very different Northern drinking establishments and explore the lives, hopes and dreams from both sides of the bar, requiring some of the actors to play multiple characters.

Shakers by John Godber & Jane Thornton

Set in Hull in 1987, **Shakers** is a glimpse into the sophisticated nightlife of a trendy cocktail bar told by the four long-suffering waitresses who work there. As the story unfolds in a series of quick-fire, humorous episodes, interspersed with reflective monologues, the waitresses take turns to describe the customers they meet to the audience, ranging from girls celebrating a 21st birthday party, yuppie couples on a big night out, through to posh theatre-goers and lads 'on the pull', revealing their own personalities, hopes and dreams along the way. John Godber and Jane Thornton's sparkling writing creates an absorbing and revealing modern comedy.



Two by Jim Cartwright

Written in 1991, **Two** is a comic and touching exploration of an evening in a northern pub. The play is topped and tailed by the gregarious landlord and landlady, who move seamlessly from talking directly to the audience to engaging with their customers, hiding a sad secret behind their apparent bonhomie which is progressively revealed. A lively bunch of customers visit the pub; cheating boyfriends and long-suffering girlfriends, bossy wives and meek husbands, as well as a determined 'other woman' and a little boy, left outside the pub by his dad, all conveying touching and truthful human relationships.



All productions are free of charge and we hope you will be able to come along to support our talented Year 11 Drama Students, particularly if you are a student interested in taking Drama as a GCSE subject in the future.

Miss Graham



READING MATTERS

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Prep Library News

Abi Elphinstone to return to Notre Dame School



We are excited to let you know that our Patron of Reading, children's author Abi Elphinstone, is returning to Notre Dame on 25th April.

Abi will be running two writing workshops during the morning with the girls in Years 4 -6 on the theme of 'Inventing Villains'. We are sure that this will be of great benefit to our pupils and inspire their future creative writing.

Abi will be signing copies of her books for pupils during her visit and these are available to pre-order. A letter has been sent home this week via Intouch giving full details and any orders should be returned to the school by Tuesday 28th March please. There will be a small number of books available to buy on the day but last year some girls were disappointed so it is safer to pre-order. Thank you.

Inspirational Books

It was lovely to see two very special books from our school library used in Year 2's lovely assembly this week. *Ada Twist, Scientist* by Andrea Beaty is a poem about a small girl called Ada who has boundless curiosity for science and love of the question "Why?" This delightful book encourages girls to explore and discover for themselves and is recommended to all budding scientists. The second book re-enacted by the girls was *The Wonder* by R.J. Palacio a beautiful book about nurturing your imagination and this inspired some beautiful artwork by the girls.



Mrs Thompson

Senior Library News

Senior Library news

In *First News* this week is a double page spread about the film *Beauty and the Beast* which 'waltzes' into cinemas this week. So what sets this apart from other



versions? During an interview with the Beast (Dan Stevens), the actor comments that 'Nobody has used this kind of technology to this extent, for this kind of

intimate, romantic role before.' To create the Beast, filmmakers used a mix of performance capture and MOVA facial capture technology which meant that in one of the scenes the actor had to do the whole ballroom waltz using just his face!

In the short story section of the Senior Library, we have a selection of fairy tales/compendiums and rewrites of classic fairy tales such as Beauty (Beauty and the Beast) and Spindle's End (Sleeping Beauty) – both written by Robin McKinley. During Wednesday afternoon activities, as part of creative writing, we will be looking at what makes a classic fairy tale and using our imaginations to create our own wacky versions, by writing from another character's perspective.



"For decades, fairy tales have been used to help children and adults better understand themselves and the world around them. We can't wait to see how aspiring authors will give the magical stories we love a modern twist, while supporting our work to help more children fall in love with reading."

Director National Literacy Trust Jonathan Douglas

Mrs Finch

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IAPS Cross Country 2017

The following girls took part in huge event at Malvern College on Sunday 12th March, The National Prep School Cross Country Competition. ND entered an U11 team of 6 girls; Daisy P, Sophie L, Sophie K, Emily S, Juliette F and Darcey D. In the U11 race there were a staggering 296 girls racing, from schools all over the country. I am very pleased to announce that ND finished 17th out of the 50 schools competing and am I so proud of the girls performance in this event as well as race they have run prior to this event.



Yr5 and 6 XC @ St Catherine's

The ND girls just keep on giving!
ND U10 won the team event at St Catherine's and the U11 team



finished 2nd, after such a busy few weeks these girls truly amaze me, in their hard work and commitment to the school.



Good Luck on Saturday (tomorrow!)

Good Luck to the ND girls taking part in the ERPSA District XC on Saturday 18th March, which is being held at ND this year.

U10A Hockey Tournament

The U10 girls had a tough tournament on Saturday and showed the ND determination throughout, I hope they enjoyed playing and I look forward to next season.



Fixtures Next Week

- Monday 20th- U10A-D netball v St Catherine's @ ND 4pm - **N.B.** Year 4 Hockey Club cancelled on Monday 20th March
- Tuesday 21st – U9 Netball Tournament @ CLFS 1:30-3:30pm

Sainsbury's Active Kids

Please keep collecting the active kids vouchers!



Last Week of Term

Please be aware that Mrs Purgavie and Mr Parsons won't be running any clubs during activities break of after school in the last week of term Monday 27th – Thursday 30th March.

Football and Tennis will still take place during this week.

[Fixtures Calendar](#)

Mrs Purgavie

Swimming Gala at GHS

Congratulations to the U11 team who came 3rd out of 11 schools, and the U9 who came 2nd

It was an excellent results and had all the scores been combined, Notre Dame would have come first!



Swimmer of the week

1W – Dolphin – Hella C; 1W – Starfish – Ainsley L

Mrs Jones



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Netball

Last week nine of us went to Croydon High School to compete in the Surrey netball finals. We were so proud to have got this far in the competition.



We had a great game v Wimbledon High and won 10-4, it was an amazing start to the day. Next we had two highly competitive games against St Catherine's and Surbiton High. The scores for those games were 2-10 and 2-9. This led us to a very close match against Alleyns which resulted in a draw with the score being 4-4. The last match was against Reigate and was a great success, we played our best, working especially on marking. This resulted in a 6-2 win, due to our amazing team work, perseverance and focus on defending.

Our aim as a squad is to be playing in the finals next year. We all had a brilliant time and feel as if we have improved greatly. We are so grateful for the support Mrs Marsh and Miss Dudgeon gave us since it helped keep our spirits high and teach us extremely useful tips. Overall it was a thrilling experience and was a super fun day of netball.

By Katie, Roisin, Bella, Chelsea, Josie and Manasa.

Year 7 and 10 enjoyed their Inter-House matches this week!



Claremont Fan Court School Cross Country Race

Six girls represented Notre Dame Senior School at the Claremont Fan Court School Cross Country event on Thursday. They all ran the 4.2KM course really well despite it being very challenging but in perfect weather conditions.



Well done to Verity, Olivia, Chloe, Poppy, Camilla and Anja who ran and completed the race!

Hockey

On Monday 7-a-side hockey matches were played against Prior's Field U12 teams. The A team came up against strong opponents but played well and showed a lot of determination and resilience in trying to limit the opportunities that Prior's Field had. It was Prior's Field who won the match 7-1 but ND should be proud of their performance and a well taken goal from Freya J after a good break from Eva M meant that ND were rewarded for their efforts.

The B team had a closely contested and competitive game with ND having far more of the possession and goal scoring chances but they were denied by some strong goalkeeping and the final result was a goalless draw.

Well played to both teams:

A team:

Oriane V (GK),
Amelia A, Bella C,
Olivia C, Eva M,
Josie S, Freya J

B team:

Ella S (GK), Amber S,
Chloe B, Katie C, Saskia W,
Lulu W, Poppy P, Roisin M,
Willa W



[Senior Fixtures Calendar](#)

Check out our new [SPORTS VIDEO](#) which shows off our fantastic new facilities!

Mrs Marsh

U12 Triangular Tournament v Claremont & Manor House

U12A & B Netballers were outstanding in triangular tournament winning all matches! Hard work has paid off this season! U12A won 10-1 v Claremont, 18-5 v Manor House. U12B won 16-1 v Claremont, 10-2 v Manor House.



U15 & U14 Netballers enjoyed ND Invitational tournament - separated by winners on goal difference!





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Mothers' Afternoon Tea - Final bookings by end of day **Friday 17 March**

Guess How Many Eggs in the Jar?



Please come and have a guess - the jar will be in the office from Friday 17 March until the end of Term.

FoND Calendar of Events - 2017

[click here](#) to see a full list of events for



Current amount of supporters: **67**

Donations to date: **£634.38**

Rugger Rascals

Summer term is nearly upon us and with the sun shining what better way to spend Saturday morning with you little ones than at Notre Dame School Rugger Rascals classes that start on the 22nd April.

Rugby themed sessions for boys and girls from 18months to 5 years, between 9-11.30am.

For more information please contact us on 07472 404540 or



Alumnae News



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We're always keen to bring you news of what our 'old girls' are up to, so huge congratulations to alumnae Patsy Ferran and Ruth Wilson, who have won outstanding reviews for their performances in 'Hedda Gabler' at The National (Ruth) and Diwata in 'Speech & Debate' at Trafalgar Studios (Patsy). Ruth's powerful performance as the tragic heroine of Henrik Ibsen's famous play has been lauded as "one of the performances of the year" by Dominic Cavendish in the Daily Telegraph while Ann Treneman in the Times applauds Patsy's 'spit-spot comic timing', adding "it is worth going to see her alone. She deserves to be a big star." Tickets are sold out for Hedda Gabler, but there are still a few available for 'Speech and Debate', a funny but insightful play about the teenage experience which runs until 1 April.



Ros Roberts, Alumnae Manager

EARLY YEARS (NDEY)



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The Clever Caterpillar Class eagerly waited for the eggs to hatch—all 10 Eggs have now hatched!!!



ND Bake-Off

Delighted to announce that it was a close call but the winner was B—Mrs Hart with her scrumptious lemon and ginger tray bake!



DATES FOR THE

- 17-20 Mar** A Level Geography Fieldtrip **ND6**
- 18 Mar** ERPSSA Cross Country Event at ND 9—12 **Prep**
- 22 Mar** Rec Class assembly followed by Mothers' Day Tea **EY**
Y11 Drama Performance 6.30—8.20pm **Snr**
French Exchange Students Arrive at ND until 29th **Snr**
- 24 Mar** Mothers' Day Afternoon Tea 1.30—4pm **School**
GCSE & A level Drama trip to The Globe **Snr**
Y11 Drama Performance 7—8.50pm **Snr**
- 27 Mar** FoND meeting in Lytton Parlour 9—10am **School**
ABRSM Examinations **School**
- 29 Mar** Easter Gifts **Prep**
Senior Inter-House music competition **Snr**
Prep Spring Concert—evening **Prep**
- 30 Mar** End of Term
- 31 Mar—6 April** Year 5—8 Easter Ski Trip to Alpendorf
- 2—5 Apr** Berlin History Trip

[CLICK HERE TO SEE THE FULL CALENDAR OF EVENTS!](#)